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29 February 1952

General J. Lawton Collins Chief of Staff Department of the Army Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Joe:

Attached is a copy of my letter to Matt Ridgway in reply to the one from him which I mentioned to you several days ago. I understand that the substance of his letter to me (copy also attached) has been incorporated into a message from him to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

I wish that you would yourself read my reply, copy of which I have just sent to Alec Bolling for his eyes only. Since I have written very frankly, I would not like my letter in its entirety to go beyond yourself and Bolling but I have authorized Bolling to show an expurgated edition to a few of his people.

At your convenience after you have read my letter and presumably have discussed it with Bolling, I would like very much to discuss with you personally two or three of the points which I have raised in it.

Faithfully,

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cc: General Bolling #8 of 63/73

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